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## Long Beach Man Pleads to Several Sexual Assaults

A man charged with sexually assaulting more than a dozen women pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Frank Dunnick said Ferdinand Ervin Flowers, 35, of Long Beach entered the plea to two felony counts each of forcible oral copulation and assault with intent to commit forcible oral copulation.

The defendant admitted using a handgun and agreed to be held responsible for restitution on all of the 13 victims named in case TA145170.

Sentencing is scheduled on Oct. 29 in Department 10 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Compton Branch. The defendant faces 30 years to life in state prison.

Flowers targeted sex workers in Los Angeles from Jan. 30, 2014 to Jan. 12, 2018. The defendant often used a handgun to rob the victims, take them to an unincorporated area of Carson near Compton and sexually assault them, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Los Angeles Police Departments.

## About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.